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APPLICANT(S): Buysse, et al.

EXAMINER: Roy Gibson

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FOR SEALING VESSELS**

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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☐ A verified statement to establish small entity under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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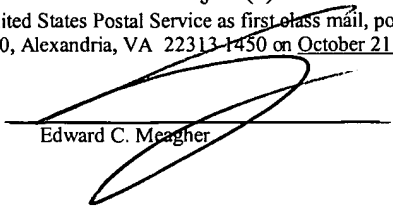
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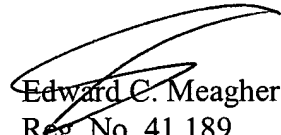
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 26, 2005, reconsideration of the claims with respect to the present application are requested in view of the following remarks:

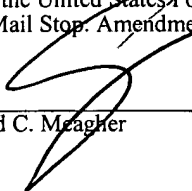
Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

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